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SUBJECT: US INTEREST HUMAN RIGHTS CASES: GOA (FOWG) RESPONDS

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 7666, (B) HARRIS TO BOVA/BUMPUS MEMO 10/31/77

1. FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS (FOWG) LAST WEEK PROVIDED INFORMATION ON ALMOST ALL EMBASSY'S OUTSTANDING HUMAN RIGHTS CASE INQUIRIES. SIXTY-THREE OF SIXTY-SEVEN OUTSTANDING CASES RECEIVED REPLIES. THE SUDDEN RESPONSE BY THE FOWG IS PROBABLY DUE TO FONOFF WANTING TO HAVE CLEAN SLATE PRIOR TO SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT AND THUS BE ABLE TO CITE ITS RESPONSIVENESS TO U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS INQUIRIES. SEVEN OF CASES HAD BEEN PENDING FOWG ACTION FOR A YEAR. TWENTY CASES HAD BEEN PENDING FOR OVER SIX MONTHS.

2. PRELIMINARY EMBASSY REVIEW OF FOWG RESPONSES SHOWS LITTLE NEW INFORMATION --- THE PERSONS THE EMBASSY REPORTED AS DISAPPEARED ARE CONFIRMED BY THE FOWG NOT TO BE DETAINED AND THEIR WHEREABOUTS ARE REPORTED TO BE UNKNOWN TO THE GOA. THIS CATEGORY ANACHRONISTICALLY INCLUDED THIRD ARMY CORPS DETAINEES ALEJANDRO AND LILIANA DEUTSCH, WHO WERE THE SUBJECTS OF A RECENT VIDELA TO PRESIDENT CARTER LETTER. IN THE CASES OF PERSONS DETAINED BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE OR THOSE IMPRISONED

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FOR CRIMINAL ACTS, THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN A NUMBER OF

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CASES WITH SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (E.G. CHARGES, DECREE NUMBER AND DATE). ONE PERSON, PAULA WASSERMAN (139/77/10), WAS REPORTED RELEASED FROM PEN ON 6/14/76.

3. EMBASSY IS REVIEWING CASES AND WILL BE WRITING TO CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. COMPLETE AND UPDATED LIST OF US INTEREST CASES PER REFTEL (A) WILL BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS CASE BY CASE REVIEW AND CONGRESSIONALS ARE COMPLETED.
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